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Presents a Lecture by:

Mr. Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

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Invictus Deception or responsible Information?

Richard Helms is an adman. He is here tonight to sell us the CIA. Will he tell us about Operation Phoenix, the heroin trade from Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle, the CIA's secret war in Laos, or the attempts last year to keep Chile's Allende from taking power?

The CIA is concerned with its image among the future foreign service officers and potential recruits present here tonight. The CIA wants liberal, polished, and well spoken professional management to prevent the development of mass public criticism of its activities. They avoid the neanderthal stereotypes associated with the military services. What does the CIA really do? The CIA makes no small effort to cultivate the impression that its main function is the preparation of intelligence "estimates" for the President and the collection of strategic and tactical information. Emphasis is placed on the CIA's research and analysis function.

However, the CIA is becoming an ever more important component of U.S. foreign policy. As a major element in U.S. global strategy, the CIA, along with multi-national corporations, is part of the apparatus of maintaining U.S. power and influence without the necessity for colonialist structures and overt military operations. The CIA, serving as an instrument of political warfare, may be substituted for the increasingly discredited policies of military intervention. The CIA can protect the vital interests of the U.S. more cheaply by reducing the vast network of foreign military bases and troop commitments and reducing the vast network of foreign military bases and troop commitments and more effectively by utilizing methods more politically acceptable ("low profile"). The CIA believes that it can easily penetrate third world governments by exploiting their lack of organization and security consciousness, ethnic and political divisions within these countries, and the high corruptibility of their citizens.

At least one-third of the CIA's personnel are involved in the delivery of clandestine services. Significantly, the CIA's major officials have backgrounds in clandestine services rather than intelligence analysis. The Court Action Division is responsible for the execution of counter-espionage, intervention in the internal affairs of other countries, and the dissemination of false information for deceptive purposes. To implement these responsibilities the CIA relies upon:

1) Private institutions and individuals such as churches, foundations, businesses, and student groups.

2) Foreign nationals either "hired" or encouraged through various incentives to develop a second loyalty.

3) "Legal" agents using a cover (e.g., CIA agents posing as AID agricultural experts to train Meos).

4) "Illegal" agents with no discernible connection with the U.S., who live under assumed identities in foreign lands.

It is clear that the CIA operates autonomously and undemocratically. Congress can only with the greatest difficulty learn about CIA operations or supervise its massive and growing budget. It seeks to avoid all public scrutiny. The CIA is now attempting to prevent the publication of a book by Victor Marchetti, former special assistant to the CIA's Executive Director. It also attempted to block, then censor, a recently published book on the CIA's involvement in heroin trafficking.